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1. PROVIDING THE BORROWER AND THE END USER IS A VIABLE FOREIGN ENTITY, THE U.S. GOODS AND SERVICES PORTION OF THE CONVERSION OF THE TANKER INTO SHEEP CARRIER AT BATH SHIP YARDS WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXIM BANK SUPPORT UNDER THE SUPPLIER CREDIT PROGRAM, WHILE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE REFRIGERATED VESSEL WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT BY EXIMBANK'S DIRECT LENDING PROGRAM.

2. PARA 3 (B) OF REFTEL WHICH READS QUOTE AS U.S. FIRM END QUOTE IS UNCLEAR, BUT BOWDEN'S PROPOSALS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR MARITIME ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANCE UNLESS THE BORROWING FIRM WOULD INVOLVE U.S. CITIZENS PURSUANT TO SECTION 2 OF THE SHIPPING ACT OF 1916. TO QUALIFY UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDER SECTION 2, THE FIRM MUST BE AT LEAST 51 OWNED BY U.S. CITIZENS, IF THE VESSEL IS TO BE USED IN U.S. FOREIGN TRADE, AND MUST BE 75 OWNED BY U.S. CITIZENS, IF THE VESSEL IS TO BE USED IN U.S. DOMESTIC TRADE. VANCE

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